# Daily Digest

## **Senate**

#### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 761 and 762. Page S6202

Product Liability Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

(1) Gorton Amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute. Page S6198

(2) Coverdell/Dole Amendment No. 690 (to Amendment No. 596), in the nature of a substitute.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 690, listed above, and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, May 8, 1995. Page S6225

A second motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 690, listed above, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the second cloture motion could occur on Tuesday, May 9, 1995.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, May 8, 1995.

**Executive Reports of Committees:** The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Treaty with Panama on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, with two provisos (Treaty Doc. 102–15). (Exec. Rept. 104–3)

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#### Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed Senators Grassley and Hutchison as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, May 11–22, 1995.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Carlin, of Kansas, to be Archivist of the United States.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 1995.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2004.

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 3:53 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 8, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6226.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### **MEDICARE PROGRAM**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program, receiving testimony from Frank Reilly, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, IRM—HEHS Group, General Accounting Office; Steve Pelovitz, Associate Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Nancy Boyer, Equifax Analytical Services, Inc., Fairport, New York; John T. Kelly, GMIS Incorporated, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and Leroy Henrich, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon, Portland.